

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR
RICHARD SCHNEIDER'S SERVICE
TO WEST TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a gentleman who has become an important leader in west Tennessee, a journalist who has helped bring together a community, and a good friend of mine, Richard Schneider. After 14 years as executive editor of the Jackson Sun, Dick is moving to Florida to fill that same position at the Pensacola News Journal.

Since Dick came to Jackson in 1992, the Sun has moved from an afternoon paper to a morning paper, launched its Web site, broadened its coverage and publications, expanded its circulation and changed the way west Tennesseans get their news and information.

When our region was hit by tornadoes—first in 1999, again in May 2003 and yet again in April of this year—the Sun's news staff, under Dick's leadership, provided excellent and in-depth coverage of the storms, the fatalities they caused, the lives they touched, the communities they devastated and the rebuilding that still continues today. West Tennesseans will always appreciate the information they received from the Jackson Sun during those trying times.

The paper has also provided thorough coverage on other issues facing our area, including crime, health care, mortality, religion, veterans care, and race relations. Dick and the Jackson Sun have been recognized nationally by Gannett, the Associated Press and other organizations for the innovative ways the newspaper has increased its community outreach.

I have also enjoyed getting to know Dick on a personal level over the years. Jackson will miss Dick and his wife Lea, as well as their three children, Troy, Ashley, and Nicole. They have been important to our community over the years, and we wish them all the best.

Mr. Speaker, please join our colleagues and me in thanking Richard Schneider for his service to west Tennessee and congratulating him on his new opportunity.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALTER
CUCHINE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Cuchine for earning the Distinguished Nevadan Award, the most prestigious award given by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. The award recognizes the achievements of those who have contributed to the cultural, scientific, or social advancement of Nevada.

Walter has helped to preserve the history of Nevada, especially Hawthorne, Lovelock, Ely, Fallon, and Lincoln County, as a Humanist-in-Residence, sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee. His experience studying Nevada's environment and history helped him to

become the Director of the Bristlecone Convention Center in Ely, and since 1993 he has served as the Eureka County Facilities Director, where he is responsible for programming at the Eureka Opera House and the Eureka Sentinel Museum. Through his position with Eureka County and as Humanist-in-Residence, Walter works with the Rural Presenters Network, the Nevada Commission on Tourism, and other organizations to encourage numerous groups to visit Eureka and enjoy its history and cultural sites.

Walter's passion for Nevada's history has also led him to become one of the foremost collectors of contemporary Nevada art and the owner of a book collection featuring Nevada-related works. Last summer, the Nevada Historical Society presented an exhibit featuring his art collection, which broke all of the society's previous attendance records.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Walter Cuchine, winner of the Distinguished Nevadan Award and supporter of Nevada's historic and cultural needs. His fundraising efforts and foundation of the Emerald Society have made a tremendous impact on the Las Vegas community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. JAMES RUSSELL
CASH, III

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, J.R. and Allison Cash were united in marriage June 3, 2006 in Cadiz, Ohio; and Whereas, J.R. and Allison Cash have dedicated their lives to each other; and

Whereas, J.R. and Allison Cash shared their wedding day with family and friends; and

Whereas, J.R. and Allison Cash have illustrated the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating J.R. and Allison Cash on the occasion of their marriage.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEONARD
GOODALL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leonard Goodall for earning the Distinguished Nevadan Award, the most prestigious award given by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. The award recognizes the achievements of those who have contributed to the cultural, scientific, or social advancement of Nevada.

Leonard has a long history of service in education. He began his career as a professor at Arizona State University in 1962. He moved on to become Vice Chancellor of the University of Illinois-Chicago and then Chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Leonard moved to Las Vegas in 1979, where he served as University of Nevada, Las Vegas

President and as a professor of Public Administration. Since his retirement, Leonard has served on the Nevada System of Higher Education's Retirement Plan Alternatives Committee.

Leonard has also had an impressive career as a writer, authoring or co-authoring eight books and countless articles on economics, government, and public administration. After his experiences living and working in Las Vegas, he co-authored "Nevada Government and Politics: Conservatism in an Open Society" and "Reinventing the System: Higher Education in Nevada."

Leonard has also been active in the community. He has served on the board of local chapters of numerous organizations, including the American Red Cross, the American Society for Public Administration, the Nevada Development Authority, and the Boulder Dam Council of Boy Scouts. He aided in the foundation of the Commercial Bank of Nevada, currently serving as its chairman of the board of directors, and he was appointed by the Clark County Commission to serve as the chairman of the Community Growth Task Force, a position he currently holds.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Leonard Goodall, a role model to the community and accurately named Distinguished Nevadan. His dedication to educating our future leaders and his passion for community service are truly admirable.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MARK
LAYHEW

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition, and with thanks, for the 31½ years of exemplary service Police Chief Mark Layhew has given to the City of Simi Valley, California, as he prepares for his retirement next month.

Mr. Speaker, Simi Valley is my home. I served as mayor there for seven years before being elected to Congress. I am proud of the fact that Simi Valley is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities in the United States. That recognition is in large part due to the caliber of the men and women of the Simi Valley Police Department.

Mark has the distinction of being the first Simi Valley police officer to rise from the ranks as an entry level officer to Chief of Police. In many ways he epitomizes the maturity and professionalism of the department. Mark began with the department just four years after the city incorporated and he helped to shape it. He is not only the face of the Simi Valley Police Department, he is very much its soul.

Mark acquired his sense of duty from his late father, who gave a lifetime of dedicated service to his country as an FBI agent.

During his three decades with the department, Mark Layhew served in virtually every position. He served as an Operations Division Captain, Support Services Division Captain, Detective Unit Commander, SWAT Commander, Traffic Unit Commander, Watch Commander, and Special Administrative Commands.

And that's just as a lieutenant and captain.

As a sergeant, he served as a Patrol Field Supervisor, Field Training Program Manager, and Detective Supervisor. As an officer, he served as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Officer, Field Training Officer, Rangemaster, Academy Staff Officer, Planning and Research Officer, and Background Investigator.

Mark earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge, and is a graduate of POST Command College Class #26, Simi Valley Leadership Class of 1999, and the 2004 POST Executive Development Course. In his spare time, he serves as a member of the Simi Sunrise Rotary and is a board member of the Simi Valley Education Foundation and the Simi Valley Police Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking my friend Mark Layhew for his decades of service to the City of Simi Valley and his country, and in wishing him, his wife, Holly, and their children Godspeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEVIN PAGE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Page for earning the Distinguished Nevadan Award, the most prestigious award given by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. The award recognizes the achievements of those who have contributed to the cultural, scientific, or social advancement of Nevada.

Kevin has had an impressive academic career, graduating from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a bachelor's degree in finance in 1986 and an MBA one year later. He continued his involvement with UNLV through 2005 as a member of the Alumni Board, and served as board president for three of those years.

As a founding member of the Police and Fire Emerald Society of Nevada, he has been committed to helping children and youth succeed, caring for families in need, and honoring fallen heroes. From 2001 to 2004, he led Run for Heroes in raising scholarship money for the families of fallen law enforcement members and fire fighters, and helped shift some of that fundraising to the Golf for Heroes program in 2004.

Kevin's interest in helping students goes beyond the families of law enforcement and fire officials. Through his Kiwanis Club membership, he has raised more scholarship money for high school Key Clubs and to support Clark County School District Varsity Quiz programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Kevin Page, winner of the Distinguished Nevadan Award and dedicated volunteer. His fundraising efforts and foundation of the Emerald Society have made a tremendous impact on the Las Vegas community.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate Montgomery County, Maryland, on being recognized for the third straight year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership as one of the Nation's top ten local government green power purchasers.

For many years, Montgomery County has set a precedent for the consumption of renewable energy sources. Its buying group, which is now at the forefront of an innovative and unique wind energy purchase, was noted by the EPA as one of the top 25 largest national purchasers of green power. Its pioneering purchases have promoted a cleaner and more environmentally-safe approach to energy consumption in our community. Furthermore, this purchase also represents the Nation's first effort on the part of a local government to include renewable energy in the State's plan to implement air quality improvements under the federal Clean Air Act.

Montgomery County has long been a leader in the field of clean energy. In 2004, under Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan's leadership, the County began purchasing five percent of its energy from wind. In April 2006, County Executive Duncan and the County Council committed to increasing the County's renewable energy purchase to 20 percent of its total electricity use over the next 5 years. Significantly, Montgomery County has been actively encouraging residents to join these efforts by purchasing clean energy for their homes, businesses, and community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting Montgomery County, Maryland, for its groundbreaking commitment to increasing the overall consumption of renewable energy sources now and in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARIE McMILLAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie Stever Daly McMillan for earning the Distinguished Nevadan Award, the most prestigious award given by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. The award recognizes achievements of those who have contributed to the cultural, scientific, or social advancement of Nevada.

In 1957, Marie and her husband, Duke Daly, moved to Nevada to work at the Nevada Test Site during the pioneering nuclear testing era, and developed and implemented protocols for the management of classified documents. Her work in this capacity was vital, as the nuclear information had to be kept secret, but still available to the scientists working on the projects.

Although her work to preserve the confidentiality of nuclear secrets was important, her

aviation career is what she is best known for. In 1978, Marie learned that the U.S. Aeronautic Association was looking for pilots to break records in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight. She decided not to break a record, but to set a new one. On December 16, 1978, she set her first record for speed between two cities. Over the next 10 years, Marie set hundreds more, and she currently holds 656 aviation records.

In addition to setting records, Marie has served as the U.S. Delegate to numerous Federation Aeronautique International Conferences, and she has won many awards and honors. She served as a flight instructor for over 25 years, where she taught people, from teenagers and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Officers, how to fly. She also served for 10 years as Clark County Department of Aviation public information representative to McCarran Airport, where she had the opportunity to teach schoolchildren about aviation careers.

Dedicated to encouraging young women to pursue careers in aviation and technical fields, Marie has developed a local "Wings" program as a part of the Girl Scouts. She also has devoted countless hours and her plane to carry medical personnel and supplies to Mexico and, through Wings for Direct Relief, transported supplies to California so they could be shipped to South America.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Marie McMillan, winner of the Distinguished Nevadan Award and aviation pioneer. I commend her dedication to the community, which exemplifies her strong character, innovation, leadership, and service.

HONORING THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 384, a resolution recognizing and honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans.

Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has provided voice, vision, and pride to the struggle of African-Americans and persons of African descent around the globe.

Alpha Phi Alpha, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. Alpha Phi Alpha chapters quickly spread to other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell. While